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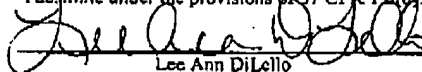
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**DECLARATION OF KEVIN T. O'DOUGHERTY UNDER 37 CFR 1.132
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I, Kevin T. O'Dougherty, hereby declare:

1. THAT I am a named co-inventor of the invention that is described and claimed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/880,472 filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 13, 2001 in the names of Kevin T. O'Dougherty and Robert E. Andrews, for "LIQUID HANDLING SYSTEM WITH ELECTRONIC INFORMATION STORAGE", (the "Application").
2. THAT I am familiar with the Official Action and rejection from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated August 18, 2003 in which claims 1-31 were rejected.
3. THAT the Application identified hereinabove, relates to a liquid handling system comprising, a container having an interior for holding a liquid, a storage means coupled to a portion of the container for storing information relating to the liquid, a connector for physically coupling to the portion and having a communication means for obtaining information from the storage means, said connector to allow access to the liquid for processing thereof based on the information.
4. THAT the storage means associated with the container is configured to hold data regarding the liquid.
5. THAT the connector includes a communication means to ensure that the proper material and container are coupled to the connector for use in a given application.
6. THAT the connector may be physically coupled to a portion of the container that includes the storage means.
7. THAT when the connector is physically coupled as indicated, the communication means may read information from the storage means. In this manner, information read by the antenna assembly may be associated exclusively with the container assembly physically coupled to the connector for use in a given application.
8. THAT the connector may be physically coupled to the container for drawing the liquid there from. Thus, the connector provides a single pathway through which both the information and the liquid flow.
9. THAT the configuration described physically eliminates the possibility of the communication means reading information from any source other than the storage means of the very container that is simultaneously coupled with the connector. Thus, users are prevented from obtaining information from the storage means of one acceptable container for a given application only to later mistakenly couple a different unacceptable container to the connector for the application.
10. THAT the prior art of record herein fails to provide such advantages.

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